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*Dahlia Specialist*

Discoverer of diseased spots, King of the Whites; originator of the world's best varieties: Lily Grand, Ben Wilson, World's Best White, Boston White, Snow Queen, White King, Queen of the Whites, Geo. S. Harvey, Mary Curtin, Sorosis Souvenir, City of Peabody, Harry Sheldon Jr., Geo. Ray, Eva Cole, and the real king of all regardless of color or class, AMETHYST SUPREME, something new in petal formation.

Don't find so much fault with the bulbs you buy, until you are sure the fault isn't yours, which it is very apt to be.





## PLANTITIS

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PLANTITIS is very easy to contract if you are foolish enough to believe any grower that says propagation creates the stunt in your bulbs. They must be ignorant of the real facts or inside mechanism of the laws of the Dahlia family; they belong to the superhuman class, or they think they do, which is just as good; they seem to be the only variety of humans that are positive they are always right and never make any mistakes; like the blind man, he was satisfied he saw all there was to be seen, they know all there is to be known, yet they know so little they propagate diseased bulbs, which means every plant diseased. That's enough! No more propagation; it's all wrong. They didn't make any mistake. No, no. Propagation is to blame.

Propagation is Nature's greatest gift to mankind, and it is a shame to have it go into print as a creator of the stunt germ, to cover up the ignorance of any grower. Nature was wrong when she created propagation. She didn't know what she was doing. It's the cause of stunt. That's the final decision of the hybrid super-human, the third class human. Dahlia growers of both sexes, I'll ask one and all, where did the stunt come from 20 and 25 years back, when we had more stunts to the square yard than we have now to the square mile, and no propagation; it was a lost art in those days, as far as the dahlia goes, pure and simple. Stunt was created by Nature in the form of a chronic germ pest to mar the perfection of plant life. The habit of Nature seems to be in all cases of life, human or plant, to create pests, such as aphis, cob, web-lice, red spider, corn-borer, cut-worm, stunt-germ, and many more, to keep us guessing, thinking, working night and day,



wondering why she gets so much pleasure destroying our plants after all our hard labor. Apparently Nature's greatest pleasure seems to be in pestering life of all kinds, yet on the other hand, when we are about to give up, we find a channel of some kind created to keep our courage up and help make up the loss of said pest. So in the Dahlia. Propagation is the channel created by Nature to multiply our healthy stock and make up our losses. As natural as all this seems to be, I find good growers willing to take Babe Ruth's best bat and knock all kinds of home runs off propagation. In one case the grower said they propagated and the plants were stunts. That was enough. No more propagation; it strained the bulbs. (Fine hybrid human.) The real trouble was diseased bulbs were propagated. Ignorance, 100 per cent, always blames the other fellow. Some of the home-run knockers have a hot-house, but they don't use it, only to start their bulbs in. Generally speaking, the dahlia grower seems to be afraid of propagated bulbs almost to a man. The fear is there, or has been there, simply because each and every grower has more or less diseased plants in his garden every season, and it is a mystery they don't and can't account for it. The reason they can't understand is they haven't the knowledge that they can't grow dahlias free from disease. It's an impossibility, yet they don't realize it. Every dahlia, with no exception, matters not who grows it, will produce more or less diseased offspring, because nature's laws are bound to be obeyed. The grower who has this knowledge is watching every season, and dumps all sickly plants. He is not afraid of propagation. He knows his business. He's not bucking nature with a bat. The other fellow is after perfection in his garden. The first hundred years are the worst for him.

Now listen, dahlia growers. I would very much like to settle and show the dahlia world what a



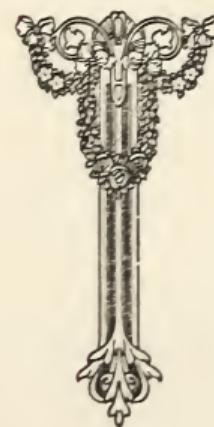
weak foundation the propagation knockers have to build their decision on. All have hot-houses, hot or cold frames, or some place to start their bulbs for early orders. Any time after March sets in, they are not going to propagate, they are only starting their bulbs. Well, they start them, and when the shoots or propagating cuttings get a little too high, higher than they intend, they are cut off and thrown away. So, by the first of June, all kinds of cuttings are dumped, hundreds of them by each grower. No strain on the bulbs, because they had to start them for early orders, and on the other hand they didn't put any in the sand, they threw them away. They didn't propagate; they didn't start them with any intention of propagating, so the bulbs couldn't get any strain from early growth (fine alibi), but the grower who starts his bulbs early and puts the cuttings in the sand, his bulbs are all strained. They must be, the propagating knockers say so. They have propagated diseased bulbs and they know all there is to be known about it. How does it sound to the true, normal, deep-thinking dahlia grower, that has the knowledge and can see the open channel of propagation of healthy bulbs created by nature? Rotten.

Now they put up the argument of rest. The dahlia must have six months' rest. They don't want any dahlia that don't have at least five or six months good rest. Yet they send to Southern California, where they are blooming in January and in some cases left in the ground until planting time in March, April or May, as they see fit, with no rest, buy bulbs and are satisfied. What is it, I ask? Ignorance again, isn't it? Like the chap I had the pleasure of meeting last season. He had a purple and white dahlia and it changed to white. No, he didn't make any mistake; they change colors. So he put the white clump in a box of purple bulbs, and it came back purple and



white. He works for Uncle Sam as a botanist or bugologist, and he hasn't lost his job yet.

A few years back, at a meeting of the Dahlia Society of New England, we had a real hybrid, the best I ever met, in a class by himself. After quite a little talk on disease, he took the floor and the air turned to steam. In a minute Nature's germs were gone. He made little of any germ; he grew up on a farm of acres, so he said, and everything that grew on the farm was free from disease. He was married and had six kids; wife, kids and himself were never sick; cattle on the farm never sick; because everybody and everything were given the right food. He had it on any 18-karat jazz axe that I ever had the pleasure of meeting. The missing link in the chain of perfection the world has been gunning for two thousand years. Eternal sameness, life everlasting, amen, or 8 men; and the funny part of it all was he looked and was built like a man, wore clothes like one. You all remember Barnum had a freak he called Barnum's "What-is-it." He was built like a man also; the only difference was his face was on wrong. It's a great dahlia world if you don't propagate.





## NEW CREATIONS FOR 1925

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### NEW 1925

417 **Queen of Whites** (H. C.) released. The Dahlia world has been waiting for eight years to get a bulb of this wonderful white that I never intended to sell. In all that time she never faltered, and showed better class last season than ever. With a change of mind I have decided to let it go before some dahlia bug breaks in and walks off with a clump. A very large full flower, perfectly constructed, free bloomer, strong growing plant, unsurpassed for exhibition qualities when cut, and I dare say the greatest pistilate ever put on the market, which means more than words. Don't wait too long, or you'll get left.

Tubers \$15.00 net; Plants \$7.50 net

### NEW 1925

626 **Durant** (Dec.). A new four-year-old seedling with extra strong growing qualities. The large blooms are held high on the best of stems. Color is of the autumn shade, a combination of yellow, buff, salmon and gold, that popular shade everybody likes. Fine cut and exhibition flower.

Tubers \$10.00 net; Plants \$5.00 net

### NEW 1925

636 **White Tong** (D. P.). One more pure, clean white, extra large flower. In the early season the blooms are full to center and unusually large. Nice, free-growing plant, very free bloomer, and a fairly good stem. The only fault, I am sorry to say, with this wonderful white is, it has a tendency to burn in the hot weather. You'll have to cover up some. Easily a \$10 white.

Tubers \$5.00 net; Plants \$2.50 net



NEW 1925

698 **Amethyst Supreme** (H. C.). Something new in formation of petal and color, going on the market in 1925 for the first time. Picture a very delicate amethyst shade, fine built flower on long stems, nice high plant with the very best of foliage, large and full of the mule hybrid family, air-tight center, always more petals coming. The construction of the flower is new and attracts your attention. The sensation of my dahlia college all season.  
Tubers \$15.00 net; Plants \$7.50 net

NEW 1925

747 **Samar** (D. P.). Here we have something odd in the shape of a very large Decorative Peony. Extra large and loose built, white and lavender-pink flowers. Everybody seems to want something new. Here you have it. An unusually pretty flower, fine for exhibition.  
Tubers \$5.00 net; Plants \$2.50 net

NEW 1925

777 **Lillian A. Little** (H. C.). I suppose I can safely say that this new delicate white, violet blue, orchid hybrid cactus is the prettiest, largest and best of its class ever produced. She showed great class last season and created a large amount of attention in garden and at the shows; in fact, it was one of my best exhibition flowers.

Tubers \$10.00 net; Plants \$5.00 net

779 **City of Lawrence** (D.). Here we have one of the best yellow decoratives ever produced. Extra large, full, deep flower, on good stems, free bloomer, strong growing plant, great exhibition and cut flower. What more can you ask for.  
Tubers \*\$10.00; Plants \*\$5.00

854 **Endocia** (Dec.). This is a new pink and white decorative that don't need much care. It has the habit of slow, even growth and seems to come in bloom at the right time. Medium high and the flowers are held on stiff stems. Extra good for cutting; good, lasting qualities. The flowers are medium to large.  
Tubers \$5.00 net; Plants \$2.50 net



862 **Jim George** (Dec.). I have produced quite a few reds and thought I had about reached the limit of velvet texture of fascinating color in red when I put Sorosis on the market six years back. But no. My new dark garnet velvet seedling is the best ever. It's no use for me to try and tell you about the velvet sheen cast of this beautiful built flower with great stems, plant and foliage; all flowers blooming freely above the plant. You will have to see it yourself to really appreciate what I call the cream of all dark reds.

Tubers \$10.00 net; Plants \$5.00 net

#### NEW 1925

863 **M. F. Heaphy** (Dec.) Here is a flower that I think will be the sensation of the season, taking into consideration all twelve points: bulbs, stock, foliage, plant, stem, flower, free bloomer, color, exhibition and cut flower, lasting qualities, and don't burn. When you originate a dahlia that will stand up under the acid test of said twelve points it means you have come about as near to perfection as nature's law will allow. I had twenty in a row of this wonderful dahlia, with shades of magenta, wine, maroon and royal purple flowers, 6 to 8 inches across and 5 inches deep, on the best of stems, plants full of flowers all season, and I dare say it made more noise than any row on the farm. All you could hear, "Come folks and see this one." Don't pass up this enormous California Jack rose in dahlia form. While they last—

Tubers \$10.00 net; Plants \$5.00 net





1924 Dahlia Season seemed to be the best we had in this section for some time, and with the good season I also received the good news that my two wonderful 1924 market seedlings, 739 **Harry Sheldon Jr.** and 567 **Eva Cole**, walked off with the honors for the two best sent out for quantity, quality, size and perfection of flower. They seemed to be the sensation of the season from all directions, some of the experts asking if I had any more like them for 1925. You will find them elsewhere in this catalog, cut in price to \$10.00 net, the best bargain to date.

107 **Lily Grand** (H. D.), extra large, and best exhibition white I know.

Tubers \$3.00; Plants \$1.50.

130 **Ben Wilson** (D.), orange-red, gold tips, very large, free bloomer, one of the best.

Tubers \*\$1.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

131 **Proxie** (H. D.), dark velvet red, maroon and garnet shades, great long stems.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

151 **Dr. Flood** (D.), magenta and white with extra white tongues, don't sport. \*\$1.00.

181 **Cardinal King** (D.), cardinal-red, large swell flower with great stems. \$1.00.

184 **Sorosis** (D.), my best red. I'll say the best on the market.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

196 **Apex** (D.), autumn buff shade, full heavy flower. Tubers \$2.00; Plants \$1.00.



307 **World's Best White** (D.). Now I have produced about as near to perfection of plant, flower and stem as nature will allow. It just keeps full of large blooms all summer, with the best of stems. Can be grown 9 or 10 inches, 5 inches deep. Has won 10 First Prizes and has made a tremendous hit this season from coast to coast. You make one great mistake if you don't grow it.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

322 **Massachusetts Fancy** (D.), very odd yellow and red, wide petal, split ends. Market's best fancy. Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

323 **Northen Queen** (D.), white, a strong built flower, good plant and stems.

Tubers \*\$1.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

334 **3 in 1 Salem News** (D.), extra large red, the largest, deepest and heaviest long stem flower on the market, barring none.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

335 **The Orchid** (D.), a new shade of bluish-lavender, large flowers, great stems. Should be in your garden for more than one season.

Tubers \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50.

341 **Harlan** (D.), extra large yellow, fine plant and good stems on the Estelle Christy type; much better. Tubers \$2.00; Plants \$1.00.

342 **Bon Ray** (D.), very large, heavy built, bright red. I made a grave mistake, selling it for \$2.00; stock limited. Plants \$2.00.

380 **New Fancy** (D.), the clearest yellow and red you ever looked at, also the cleanest; always short on stock. Plants only \$3.00.

386 **Snow Queen** (D.). Here we have one more fine pure white, mule flower, extra large with fine stems. A real bargain.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

389 **Alice Long** (D.), yellow, a new odd petal, nicked very deep, making a very attractive flower, full, heavy and large.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.



394 **Yellow Gem** (D.). Beat it if you can for a yellow and white, great plant and stems. short on stock.  
Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

410 **Mayor Fitz** (D.). Now we have a real autumn shade, the highest centre dahlia grown. Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

412 **White Prince** (H. D.). One more great white you need in your garden; fine for cutting and exhibition.  
Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

429 **Wondee Pink** (D.), large, bold, pink and white flower, somewhat like Cambia, much better; one of the best.  
Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

432 **Baba Bott** (H. D.), a classy pink and white hybrid, extra large perfect blooms and good stems. Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

433 **Boston White** (D.) has proven to be one of the greatest whites I ever produced, improving with age, and the best white you will ever buy for the money. Pure white, large full flower, centre air-tight, great plant and stems. Try one; you can't lose.  
Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

468 **Blossom Time** (H. C.), two-tone magenta and cerise, tipped white, making a very attractive flower; don't sport.  
Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

471 **City of Peabody** (H. C.), new deep wine shade, veined white, reverse of petals silver; a grand flower you can't afford to pass up. Stems and centre always good; extra large flower, full of expression; one of the classiest seedlings ever produced. (New.)  
Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

472 **Geo. Ray** (H. D.), a clean bright yellow and red, extra large, heavy deep flower; can be grown 9 or 10 inches; don't sport; one of the best. Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.



494 **Drama** (D.), a real yellow with good stems that hold up the flower. Stock limited.  
Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

512 **Mrs. C. Flood** (Dec.), the best real baby pink we have. In bud opening the color is white and gold and bleaches to pink when matured; the most delicate of all pinks.  
Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

531 **Coffee Cream** (D.), a new bronze coffee shade that demands attention in any garden; stems good. Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

562 **Mary Curtin** (Dec.), has made one of the greatest hits of any dahlia I have ever produced. Why? Because it is the best and cleanest red and white tipped flower on the market. It can and has been grown 9 inches across, 5 inches deep, and the white tips were there. Five years old and never sported the white tips. Don't pass up Mary; if you do you'll be sorry.  
Tubers \*\$4.00; Plants \*\$2.00.

567 **Eva Cole** (D.), unusually large, splendid built, bright, clean, red and gold flower; naturally the largest grown flower to date. With no feeding of any kind I had quite a few 10-inch and better blooms this awfully dry, mean season. Under good care, weather and water, you will have to step some to beat it for quantity, quality and size.  
Tubers \$10.00 net; Plants \$5.00 net.

622 **Pollyanna M.** (D.), buff-yellow, suffused red; one of the largest dahlias grown; will produce more large blooms than any dahlia on the market; can be grown 9 inches across, 6 inches deep.  
Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

634 **Geo. S. Harvey** (D.). I'll say you will have to go some to beat this purplish-magenta flower, full of quality and class, suffused white. One of the handsomest combinations you wish to see and getting better and larger with age. Very large, deep flower. It is up to you to grow it 10 inches; the goods are there.  
Tubers \*\$7.50; Plants \*\$3.75.



684 **Sorosis Souvenir** (H. D.), very large, strong built flower, on long stems; the kind you all like; the sex that don't show a seed center. The past season has proven it to be the best yellow on the market.

Tubers \*\$4.00; Plants \*\$2.00.

697 **White King** (Dec.). Well named, they say, when they give it the once over. An extra large, wonderful built flower. This is one white flower you should grow in your garden for more than one reason. I dare say it has the most perfect stock and foliage I ever saw. Sorry to say last season the stem didn't act very good. A great exhibition white.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

699 **Mahogany** (C.). A real American Cactus, dark, velvet-red, with long, narrow, cactus petals borne on the end of great stiff stems. One of the rich red shades that makes the sun dance. Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

707 **Winter Time** (C.). The best American white cactus ever produced. The world has been looking for a good white cactus, and here you have it. Fine, strong plant, great stems, flower always looking at you. Fine cut flower and great for exhibition; also, one more good point, the greatest of foliage to carry to the show.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

710 **E. M. Fitzgerald** (H. C.). A pleasing tone of cerise shade with yellow collar at base of flower, extra good stems, full of class and a perfect built flower. You should grow it to know its beauty.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

717 **Sunlit** (Dec.). A new tango buff shade, reverse of petal Turkish red that appeals to you as soon as you see it. The flower is built like J. A. B. Parker, plant much stronger and higher and better, colorings of the famous Turkish rugs.

Tubers \*\$500; Plants \*\$2.50.



739 **Harry Sheldon Jr. (D.)**. Here again Nature has been good to me in producing what I think is the cleanest, classiest, largest and handsomest pink and white flower, regardless of class, ever put on the market. I will not be a bit surprised to see one 12 inches across, 5 or 6 inches deep, next season. Petals are 2 inches wide, extra long, and the flower opens very fast, long before the back gives way, which means the greatest of all exhibition flowers. Tubers \$10.00 net; Plants \$5.00 net.

810 **Rebecca Atkinson (C.)**, one more American cactus that will make you sit up and take a peek. A perfect spike petal, intense pink flower, with white centre. One great cut and exhibition variety; the greatest bargain yet.  
Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**A. C. L. (H. C.)**. One of the best shell pinks on the market, great plant, stem and flower.  
Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Albert Ward (D. P.)**. A very nice shade of rosalane purple, extra large with great stem.  
Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Amun Ra (D.)**. One of our extra good autumn shades of copper, gold and bronze, with great stems.  
Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Alex. Waldie (D.)**. A dahlia of much merit. Color, creamy to the shade of primrose with some delicate pink stems. Good.  
Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Bona Vera (H. D.)**. Here we have a very large heavy built flower that will make you sit up and take notice, one of the largest flowers I ever grew. Color, primrose and cream. Construction of petals and flowers is grand. For exhibition, hard to beat.

Tubers \$5.00 net; Plants \$2.50 net.



**Bertha Jost** (D.). Another new one. Color, sulphur shade, outer petals blended with peach. Pink centre, tinted burnt orange. A very handsome, free flowering, large dahlia, good stems, and fine cut flower.

Plants only \$3.00 net.

**Betty** (D.). Large flower of great substance; even, perfect form, good stems and bush growth. Canary yellow faintly suffused salmon. Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

**Bonnie Brae** (D.). A fine long stem variety. Color, delicate cream and pink. Extra good cut flower. Stands up well after cutting.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Bashful Giant** (D.). Now we have one of the largest dahlias ever produced, and I dare say the best creation of Judge Merean. It has a habit of its own in producing slowly just so many nice large flowers of apricot and bronze.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**Cigarette** (H. C.). This dahlia is best described as creamy white, heavily edged with orange. No two flowers alike, very free bloomer.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Clarissa Blanco** (D.). An extra large round decorative, full, heavy and deep, fine plant, good bloomer and stems a deep claret wine shade. One of the standard varieties that come and stay.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Champagne** (D.). One of very best dahlias regardless of class or color. A popular autumn champagne shade.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**California Superba** (D.). A California variety of pink and white that has shown class.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.



**Dr. Marshall Howe** (D.). Now we have the great celebrated delicate pink, the sensation of the last two years, from Southern California. A great exhibition flower.

Tubers \$4.00 net; Plants \$2.00 net.

**Daddy Butler** (H. C.). Here we have a perfect built flower; color, American beauty rose shade. Reverse of petal is a lighter tint, giving a variation effect. Habit and stem are good. Plants only \$1.50 net.

**Dr. Barnes** (H. D.). A very attractive flower, a combination of turkish red and sand shades, and a great garden and exhibition variety. Best. Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Emma Marie** (H. C.). A very pretty intense pink with a white centre. Quite a free bloomer on very stiff stems. Great garden and cut flower.

Tubers \*\$10.00; Plants \*\$5.00.

**Eastern Star** (D.). This is a wonderful, large, heavy, well formed flower, soft shadings of real old gold. A very hard shade to get. Held on good stems. It looks as if it has come to stay.

Tubers \*\$15.00; Plants \*\$7.50.

**Ethel M.** (H. C.). This is a very pretty combination of amaranth pink and white centre. Nice built flower with long petals, one you will be proud of when you see it in your garden.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

**E. T. Bedford** (D.). One of our very few purple shades with silvery reverse, making a very pleasing combination.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Emperor** (D.). This is one of our good dahlias that made a lot of noise when it first appeared on the market and is quite noisy at present. One of our best deep magenta and maroon shades.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.



**Ethel F. T. Smith** (H. D.). A very large, light, creamy primrose. Swell built flower on stiff stems, calling for its share of attention always. Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**E. M. Dane** (D.). A Dahlia of much merit, pink and yellow, strong growing plant. Nice flower with good stems. Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Esther-of-hav-a-look** (D.). Here we have an extra large, fine built flower on great stems, the nearest to cerise in color of any dahlia grown, with silver reverse, producing a pleasing combination.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

**Edith Slocombe** (H. D.). One of our best purplish maroon flowers. The petals are wavy and show very classy formation. A little different built flower all around.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**Elsie Oliver** (H. C.). Again we have one of the handsomest dahlias on the market, a delicate shade of pink and cream. Good stems.

Tubers \*\$4.00; Plants \*\$2.00.

**Golden Rule** (D.). A very large deep orange-red that made quite a hit last season. Extra good exhibition, heavy and deep flower.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

**G. Whiz** (H. C.). Unusually large fine built flower, strong healthy growing plant. Color, buff and salmon.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Gladys Sherwood** (H. D.). One of our classy white, very large and extra fine garden flower.

Tubers \*\$1.00.

**Hav-a-look Noontide** (D.). Another wonderful stemmed decorative dahlia, of brightest orange-red tinged and streaked with yellow. 7 and 8-inch flowers.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.



**Hav-a-look Crimson King** (D.). A large, fine decorative plant, full to centre flowers, placed on good stems. A rich dark Harvard crimson, the best of its color I know.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**Hav-a-look Gem** (H. C.). A creamy colored, incurved, Hybrid cactus. The edges of petals are a bright vermillion and orange.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Helen Keller** (D. P.). Fine clear pink, wide petal, the best of the peony class.

Tubers \*\$1.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Islam Patrol** (H. C.). Very dark, velvet scarlet, tipped heavily with yellow. Well recommended.      Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**Jersey's Pride** (D.). A fine blending of yellow, amber and pink. Large full flower on good stems.      Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**Jersey's Beauty** (D.). A real pink of intense richness, nice full flower centre and stem always good, very free bloomer and extra nice cut flower.

Tubers \*\$10.00; Plants \*\$5.00.

**Jersey's Jewel** (D.). In this flower we have a very nice shade of mellow pink. A large, long-petaled flower, full of class and beauty.

Tubers \*\$10.00; Plants \*\$5.00.

**Judge Merean** (D.). A well known exhibition variety, a riot of color in gold, salmon, red, orange and yellow. A free bloomer and one good dahlia.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Judge Langford** (D.). Here we have a new variety of much merit that looks good. Color dark maroon with silver reverse, on the best of stems.      Plants only \$3.00 net.



**Junior** (Dec.). Here we have, when you come right down to the perfection of every flower for exhibition and the health of the plant everywhere and anywhere, one if not the best that ever left California, pure lavender and full of class.

Tubers \*\$2.50; Plants \*\$1.25.

**Kitty Dunlap** (D.). A fine rose shade, medium size flower on good stems.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Lake Erie** (D.). Very large, lavender decorative and a fine exhibition flower.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

**Laurine** (H. C.). A great exhibition variety color, very classy, lavender-pink shade and nice built flower.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Myra Valentine** (D.). Odd golden bronze shade with a very long stem, extra fine cut flower and a free bloomer.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**Mrs. Geo. Bemister** (D.). Here we have one extra nice flower on the best of stems, large and full, unusually good for cutting and exhibition. Color on the violet, lavender and pink combination. Very classy.

Plants only \$5.00 net.

**Mrs. Charles Smithers** (D.). This is one of the very best heavy round decoratives, originated for quite a few years. Color a wonderful combination of magenta, purple, maroon and white suffused and clouded in such a way as to make it an outstanding variety.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.



**Margaret Masson** (D.). A great silvery rose pink flower full of class. In size, stem, construction and color it is one of the best dahlias I had the pleasure of growing last season. It has all the good habits and you make a mistake if you don't grow one.

Tubers \$10.00 net; Plants \$5.00 net.

**Mrs. Sally D. Bull** (D.). A very beautiful flower face of petal yellow buff, reverse rose. Petals curl and twist, showing both colors, making an odd combination.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

**Mrs. Geo. Elkins, Jr.** (D.). A very large dahlia on long stems. Color a beautiful shade of apricot pink with gold suffusion.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Mrs. John M. Root** (D.). One great, large, heavy dahlia, yellow-buff with red edge. One of our new varieties that has made quite a hit.

Plants only \$5.00 net.

**Mariposa** (H. C.). A delicate pink with a touch of violet. Swell formed flower, on the best of stems.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**Mrs. I. de ver Warner** (D.). One of the standard varieties that have come to stay. Color, orchid cattleya shade.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Mr. Crowley** (D.). One of our very bright yellow and red shades, what I call French shades.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**M. H. de Young** (D.). A clean, clear golden shade, decorative, one of the best, great cut flower.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.



**Oberon** (D.). A new red shade that leans somewhat to a deep rose with a sheen of purplish maroon.      Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**President Wilson** (D.). This is one of our standard varieties, a fine dark wine maroon with tips white.

Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Paul Michael** (D.). One of our best golden shades, extra large and hard to beat.

Tubers \*\$2.00— Plants \*\$1.00

**Paul Revere** (D.). In this flower we have one of the best ever produced, a very bright crimson, heavy, full flower, good stems; in fact, the general habit all around is hard to beat.      Tubers \$5.00 net; Plants \$2.50 net.

**Pride of Dahliadel** (D.). A massive flower of great depth similar to grizzly, much better.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

**Papillon** (H. C.). A beautiful shade of old rose with golden lights, highly recommended.

Plants only \$2.00 net.

**Pride of New Bedford** (D.). A very large, round, heavy decorative that holds up head on strong stems, a strong growing plant and good bloomer.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

**Premier Clemenceau** (H. C.). This is a very pretty dahlia of lemon yellow and white, one of the handsome flowers we have.

Tubers \*\$10.00; Plants \*\$5.00.

**Pola Snow** (D.). Judge Marean's white, that has had a hard time getting on the market, here at last. It is one good white.

Plants only \$8.00 net.



**Radio** (D.). One of 1924 sensations, that held up in good shape. A very large, attractive, red and yellow flower with good stems. One of our best.

Tubers \*\$10.00; Plants \*\$5.00.

**Rodman Wanamaker** (D. P.). The peacock dahlia growers claim it is the largest flower ever produced. I have grown it and it looks good to me and classy enough for any garden. Let us give it a real trial next season and see. Large, delicate, bronze, yellow and pink.

Plants only \$5.00 net.

**Ralph Blodgett** (D.). A very pretty tri-color combination of amber, pink and white. Fine exhibition flower.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**Rosa Nell** (D.). A well established variety. Color, magenta rose shade, on the best of stems.

Tubers \$1.00 net.

**Rookwood** (D.). A standard variety that grows well with all a fine rose shade with fine stems.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**Siskiyon** (H. D.). One of the largest dahlias ever produced, if not the largest, the coloring is a combination of yellow-buff and water-melon pink. A swell flower for up-to-date growers.

Tubers \*\$7.50; Plants \*\$3.75.

**Skargerrah** (H. C.). A new introduction that has stood the acid test and proved to be one of our best yellows.

Tubers \*\$3.00; Plants \*\$1.50.

**Susan G. Tevis** (D.). This is one fine dahlia, which will produce an abundance of flowers all season. A beautiful shade of lilac with a bluish sheen.

Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

**Shudows Lavender** (D.). No doubt it is the purest lavender on the market.

Tubers \*\$4.00; Plants \*\$2.00.



**Tryphlinny** (D.). A soft, shell-pink, yellow centre, similar to a pond lily in color and shape.  
Tubers \*\$2.00; Plants \*\$1.00.

**Uncle Sam** (D. P.). An extra large orange-buff with great stem and one you need in your garden. Strong grower.  
Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

**White Sister** (D.). A new white that has made quite a hit for its beauty, size and stem, also looks like it has come to stay as one of our best whites.  
Tubers \$10.00 net; Plants \$5.00 net.

**Wonderland** (D.). One of the largest dahlias ever produced, chocolate maroon with silver reverse and new odd twist in each petal that make the flower large and heavy. Strong growing plant with strong stems.  
Tubers \*\$10.00; Plants \*\$5.00.

**Wizard of Oz** (D.). Amber and pink, another standard variety that grows very large. Fine for cut and exhibition.  
Tubers \*\$5.00; Plants \*\$2.50.

**Zeus** (D.). A rich glowing red with each petal tipped gold. Very large, full flower. Is extra good.  
Plants only \$7.50 net.

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**Copper King** (D.). Judge Marean's great celebrated copper bronze sensation, supposed to be the best ever.

Plants only \$10.00 net.

**Elsie Daniels** (H. C.). The color of this wonderful dahlia is a pale orchid shade on the outer petals, which are long and shaggy. The centre white. A nice built flower on good stems. 1924 sensation and extra good.

Tubers \$15.00 net; Plants \$7.50 net.

**Firelight** (D.). Another one of Marean's that had a hard time getting on the market. Color, a combination of yellow and red.

Plants only \$5.00 net.

**Giantess** (D.). A large pink bronze that was released after some struggle.

Plants only \$8.00 net.



868 **Mary Ferguson** (D.). Here we have one of the prettiest tri-colored dahlias on the market. Color, orange, yellow and white tips, free bloomer and very attractive flower. White always there. Don't sport medium size flowers. The best bargain in the catalog.

Tubers \$3.00 net; Plants \$1.50 net.

**Massachusetts** (D.). A new creation of great size and depth. Full, heavy, large flower. Color magenta, wine and garnet. A very pleasing combination.

Tubers \$10.00 net; Plants \$5.00 net.

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